

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 17, 2019

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Mark Dyel. Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Robin LaBuwi, Vice-President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Shane Cockrum; Mark Dyel; Mark Franklin; and Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Justin Groves, Faculty Member; and Terry Milt, AGE Representative.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

Executive Session – Kenny Irvin made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:06 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:29 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Mitch Bennett – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Mark Minor – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Justin Groves, Faculty Member; and Terry Milt, AGE Representative.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2019
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2019

5.2 Approve Financial Report (November 2019)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (November 2019)

5.4 Review 1st Reading Board Policy Updates – Press Plus Issue 102

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mark Dyel – yes, Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes, and Shane Cockrum – yes. Motion Carried.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson reported the following information:

- There are many good things going on at BCHS, several were shared including Christmas cards being created during Lit block for the elderly.
- Flashing LED crosswalk signs have been approved by IDOT, ordered, and will be installed as soon as they arrive.
- Board members Mark Dyel, Mitch Bennett, and Shane Cockrum attended the Triple I conference along with Mr. Johnson. The conference was beneficial for all with motivational key note speakers and informative, thought provoking break-out sessions.
- Heather Mitchell conducted annual curriculum meetings with every department, during which all faculty members are provided an opportunity to share what is working well along with suggestions for change. Heather will be asked to attend the January meeting to provide a summary of those meetings as well as an update on technology and grants.
- Graduation will be held Saturday, May 9, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.
- The concession stand/restroom work has started with dirt work underway as of today.
- 1% County Facilities Sales Tax receipts were shared with the board. We receive approximately \$240,000 per year, but use \$50,000 to abate taxes to make a bond payment.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Review/Approve 2019 Tax Levy Resolution Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Tax Levy Resolution as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.2 Review/Approve Resolution to Levy Certain Special Taxes Mark Franklin made a motion to approve the Resolution to Levy Certain Special Taxes as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.3 Review/Approve Resolution for Abatement of Taxes Mark Franklin made a motion to approve the Resolution Abating All of the Tax Levied for the Year 2019 to Pay Debt Service on the Taxable General Obligation School Bonds as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.4 Review/Approve School Maintenance Project Grant Application Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the school maintenance project grant application as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.5 Review/Approve Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.6 Review/Approve Application for Property Tax Relief Grant Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the grant application for property tax relief. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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9.7 Review/Approve Facility Work Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the painting proposal from RP Coatings as presented. Mark Franklin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.8 Review/Approve Electric Supply Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the 3-year Master Energy Purchase Agreement with Affordable Gas and Electric (AGE) as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this agreement has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

At 6:45 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Shane Cockrum and Robin LaBuwi exited the meeting.

9.9 Review/Approve Substitute Pay Rates Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the substitute pay rates as presented in Enclosure F. Mark Franklin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of Enclosure F has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.10 Assignment of Personnel Mark Franklin made a motion to approve the maternity leave request from Victoria Jackson as presented. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.11 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Kenny Irvin made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of teacher aide as available for the 2020-21 school year. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

11. ADJOURNMENT Kenny Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 P.M. Mark Franklin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY